MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether all those reasons given in that G. O. are applicable *mutanis mutandis* to depressed classes also?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): It is a matter of opinion, Sir.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether the Director considers it necessary that the depressed classes should, if real help is to be given, get this fee concession as a matter of course in the College classes?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): No, Sir.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether the Director considers that it is necessary in the case of Mahomedans?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): It is a matter of opinion, Sir.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Thiruvalla I*): May I know whether the Government have issued any order not to grant this scholarship to poor students?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): No, they have issued no order like that.

Weighment of cocoanut oil at the Arukutty Chowkey.

23. * MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertala II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how the weight of cocoanut oil is now ascertained at the Arukutty Chowkey:

(*b*) whether they have purchased any special instrument for ascertaining the weight of cocoanut oil;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, the cost incurred by them to get it down;

(*d*) whether the special instrument is now in use; and

(*e*) if the answer to part (*d*) is in the negative, how the weight of cocoanut oil is now ascertained at the Arukutty Chowkey?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): (*a*) By actual weighment and by the use of the dip-rod.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Bh. Rs. 233-0-11.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) *Vide* answer to part (*a*).

MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertala II*): With reference to answer to part (*a*), may I know from the member how it is actually weighed now?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Small consignments of oil are actually weighed.

MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertala II*): And big consignments?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Big consignments are measured by the dip-rod.

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MR. POTTAYIL S.KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertala II*) : In the answer it is given " by actual weighment and by the use of the dip-rod ". Am I to take it from the member that dip-rod is now being used for weighing ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : Yes, Sir.

MR. POTTAYIL KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertala II*) : May I know whether, by using the dip-rod, the accurate measurement of the quantity can be got ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : The report that I have received from the Arukutty Chowkey is that the use of the dip-rod is as good as any other method for measuring big quantities of oil.

MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertala II*) : May I know whether, for measuring big consignments of cocoanut oil, the dip-rod is used and the oil itself is not actually weighed ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : No, Sir.

MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertala II*) : May I know from the member when the other instrument was got down ?

MR. C. O MADHAVAN (*Excise Commiesioner*) : In 1933.

MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertala II*) . May I know why it is not used now ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : Sir, this particular instrument was also used and then it was found that the use of the dip-rod gives a better and surer test in ascertaining weights. So the dip-rod is now used.

MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertala II*) : Am I to understand that this instrument was got down as an experimental measure ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : A suggestion was made by one Mr. Story of Darragh Ismail & Co. that there was such an instrument for ascertaining weights of large quantities of oil without being exactly weighed and so the instrument was got down, But it is now found that the use of the dip-rod gives a more accurate weight.

MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertala II*) : May I know whether any special qualification or experience is necessary for the use of this particular machine ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : Yes, it requires technical knowledge. We sent one of our officers in the Alleppey Customs to Cochin and got him trained.

MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertala II*) : May I know where that officer is posted now ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : That officer was posted in the Alleppey Customs.

MR POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertala II*) . Is it due to the inability or inexperience of the officer that the instrument is not now being used ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : What I understand from him is that he knows how to use the instrument.

MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertala II*) : Are you satisfied that he is an experienced man in the matter ?

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PRESIDENT : The question is not proper. You cannot answer a question "are *you* satisfied....."

MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertala II*) : May I know from the Government whether the member is satisfied that the officer is an experienced man in the matter ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : He has acquired sufficient experience in the use of that instrument.

MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertala II*) : May I know from the member how the dip-rod is used for measurement ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : I have got a full description of the way in which dip-rod is used. It covers three pages of typed matter and some tables and if the member or the House wants it, I can read out the whole.

PRESIDENT : You are going to read from a volume ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : Yes, Sir, it contains three pages.

PRESIDENT : You can draw the attention of the honourable member to that particular page and he will read that for himself.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Am I to take it that this instrument is not to be used in future ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : It is not used now. As far as I can say, it cannot be used with any advantage.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Then why is it not disposed of ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : The question has not been taken up. Perhaps we will have to take it up.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala II*) : May I know how long it was used before it was found to be not satisfactory ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : It was not used for any considerable length of time. An officer went to Cochin, got himself trained for using the instrument and he gave instructions to another officer at Arukutty. After some time both of them found that the instrument could not be used as a sure test for ascertaining the weight of oil.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*) : Was the trained officer in charge of this instrument at any time ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : An officer went to Cochin and underwent training for a few days.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*) : My question is whether he was posted at Arukutty and asked to work with this instrument.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : He was at Arukutty for some time.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : Did the Government investigate the possibilities of using the dip-rod before they sent their officer for training to Cochin ?

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MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : The dip-rod is another instrument.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*) : May I know the exact name of the instrument ? Is it " dip-rod " or " defraud " ?

PRESIDENT : That dip-rod has not been defrauded so far ; it is the other that has been defrauded (*Laughter*).

NOTICES OF ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

PRESIDENT : I have received two adjournment motions. The first is from Mr. N. E. Varughese. It reads thus :

> " I beg leave to move for an adjournment of the business of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance *viz.*, the situation recently created by the discontinuance of the Royal Proclamation regarding the relief granted to agricultural debtors and the consequent revival of their distress and difficulties. "

In the first place it has to be understood that an adjournment motion is in effect a vote of censure on the Government. In this case, the subject matter of the discussion will be a Royal Proclamation. A Royal Proclamation is issued at the pleasure of the Sovereign. It is therefore not proper, at any rate, for the House to discuss the reasons which should have influenced the Sovereign not to extend the Royal Proclamation which he had issued.

The question does not admit of any doubt as to whether a Royal Proclamation, in which the Government has no share or responsibility, could be discussed as an adjournment motion ; for, that matter has already been clearly brought home in May's Parliamentary Practice. And, that is the rule which holds the field today in the Legislative Assembly, which, for our purposes at any rate, we regard as the Mother of Parliaments in India. This is what May's Parliamentary Practice, on page 848, says—

> " Motions have also been ruled out of order when it appeared that the administrative responsibility of Government was not involved. "

As the House will realise, in the case of the issue, or the non-issue of a Royal Proclamation, the administrative responsibility of Government is not involved. Therefore, any motion to discuss the discontinuance of a Royal Proclamation would be quite out of place.

There is also one more point which, I suppose, I should invite the attention of the House to. An adjournment motion is supposed to bring in survey a matter of recent occurrence ; that is to say, an event shall have happened. An adjournment motion can very well be moved if, for instance, the Proclamation had been continued and it was regarded that such continuance of it was prejudicial to the interests of certain parties. But, here, the question is about the non-continuance of the Proclamation. There is, therefore, no event that has happened.

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